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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	12/4/2025
SUBJECT:	VSBA November 2025 Policy Update to LBD (Home Instruction) - Carolyn Swift
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) has issued a revised Sample Policy LBD (November 2025) to address concerns regarding the disclosure of private information for students receiving home instruction or who are exempt from attendance due to bona fide religious training or belief (Va. Code §\S 22.1-254(B)(1)\$). The initial concern, raised by homeschool families and the Home Educators Association of Virginia (HEAV), was that the existing policy language might inconsistently or illegally disclose private student and family information. Key Policy Changes and Clarifications: ● Prior Revision (May 2025): The VSBA previously revised the policy in May 2025 to clarify that disclosure of required information could only occur with the written consent of the parent, and only to the extent provided by that consent. This revision was made to ensure legal compliance and protect privacy. ● Current Revision (November 2025): The need for the November 2025 revision arose because the May 2025 language specifically referenced disclosure only for students exempted due to religious reasons (§\S 22.1-254(B)(1)\$). ● Legal Alignment: The current update, supported by Charlottesville City Schools Policy Contact Carolyn Swift, was necessary to ensure complete alignment with Virginia law. Virginia Code also permits disclosure (with written parental consent) of information provided by home instruction students (§\S 22.1-254.1\$). Goal: The November 2025 revision clarifies that both categories of students—those receiving home instruction and those with bona fide religious exemptions—are covered under the provision that allows the

	School Board or Superintendent to disclose information only with the parent's written consent and only to the extent specified by that consent.
STRATEGIC PLAN:	● Priority Area 1: Increase Academic Access ● Priority Area 2: Provide a Culture of Safety, Wellness, and Belonging ● Priority Area 3: Support Our Staff ● Priority Area 4: Ensure Effective and Efficient Operations
RECOMMENDATION:	The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the update.
ACTION REQUIRED:	Yes
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Carolyn Swift, Director of Assessment and Accountability, and member of the Executive Leadership Team.